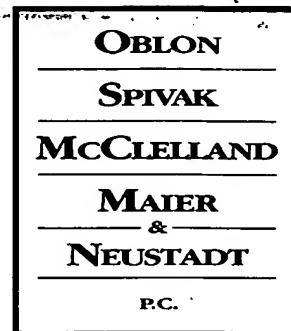




Docket No.: 231751US26YA

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313



ATTORNEYS AT LAW

STEVEN P. WEIHRUCH
(703) 413-3000
SWEIHRUCH@OBLON.COM

EDWIN D. GARLEPP
SENIOR ASSOCIATE
(703) 413-3000
EGARLEPP@OBLON.COM

RE: Application Serial No.: 10/673,507

Applicants: Eric J STRANG

Filing Date: September 30, 2003

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USING FIRST-
PRINCIPLES SIMULATION TO CONTROL A
SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING PROCESS

Group Art Unit: 2128

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Status Request for First Office Action (in duplicate)

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON SPIVAK McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Steven P. Weihrouch

Registration No. 32,829

Customer Number

22850

(703) 413-3000 (phone)
(703) 413-2220 (fax)

Edwin D. Garlepp

Registration No. 45,330

DOCKET NO.: 231751US26YA/alh



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Eric J STRANG

SERIAL NO: 10/673,507

GROUP NO: 2128

FILED: September 30, 2003

FOR: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USING FIRST-PRINCIPLES SIMULATION
TO CONTROL A SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING PROCESS

FIRST OFFICE ACTION STATUS REQUEST

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Patent Office is respectfully requested to inform the undersigned of the
approximate date a first Official Action will be issued in this Application.

A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Steven P. Weihrouch
Registration No. 32,829

Customer Number

22850

Tel. (703) 413-3000
Fax. (703) 413-2220
(OSMMN 10/04)

Edwin D. Garlepp
Registration No. 45,330